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Dear Friend:

I am writing to ask you to consider helping with a most important task: serving as a docent at the Florida Supreme Court. Each year more than 8,000 Floridians -- most of them students -- visit the Supreme Court Building and our docents fill the important role of educating our visitors about the Court and conducting tours of the building. With more visitors expected in the future, we are recruiting volunteers to serve as docents.

During January 2004 we plan to hold a three-hour training session to prepare new docents to conduct tours and to familiarize them with the Court, the building and the various support materials available to docents and visitors. After a new docent is trained, he or she is placed in the pool of active docents -- who periodically have an opportunity to volunteer for tour assignments based on their own time availabilities. We expect to have enough docents to allow scheduling flexibility to accommodate individual preferences.

The docent program is operated under the umbrella of the Florida Supreme Court Historical Society and is actively supported by the Court and its staff. It serves a most worthy purpose: to educate Floridians about our system of justice and make them aware of the courts' critical role in ensuring our freedoms as Americans.

I hope you, or perhaps your spouse or "significant other," will be able to help us. During January -- prior to the training session -- we plan to provide prospective docents an opportunity to observe a Supreme Court tour conducted by docents and to ask questions about the program. If you are interested in becoming a docent, or if you have questions, please telephone the Florida Supreme Court Historical Society office at 222-3703.

Thank you for considering this most important service to the citizens and children of Florida.

Sincerely,



Harry Lee Anstead, Chief Justice